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SUBJ: 33RD UNGA: US STRATEGY AND OBJECTIVES

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1. EMBOFFS CALLED ON MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
DIVISION DIRECTOR ABDELLAH BENKIRANE SEPTEMBER 13 TO  
REVIEW POLITICAL POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL A.  
EMBOFFS LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE. ECONOMIC ISSUES WILL BE COVERED  
IN SEPARATE DEMARCHE. BENKIRANE WELCOMED US VIEWS ON  
THE UPCOMING UNGA AND HE MADE OBSERVATIONS ON THE  
FOLLOWING POINTS IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF DEMARCHES:

2. MIDDLE EAST. THE RESULTS OF CAMP DAVID WOULD  
LARGELY SHAPE MIDDLE EAST ISSUES IN UNGA, AND MOROCCO'S  
POSITION WOULD BE AFFECTED BY CURRENT ARAB LEAGUE  
MINISTERIAL. MOROCCO'S POSITON WOULD STAY CLOSE TO THAT  
OF OTHER MODERATE ARAB STATES.

3. ZIONISM-RACISM. MOROCCO IS SYMPATHEIC TO  
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CONSIDERATIONS BEHIND US POSITION, BUT AS MEMBER OF  
COMMUNITY OF ARAB STATES IT CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO BE IN  
FOREFRONT ON THIS QUESTION. LIKE EGYPT, IT WILL SEEK  
TO PLAY MODERATING ROLE BEHIND THE SCENES.

4. SOUTHERN AFRICA. REGARDING US DESIRES THAT UNTAG  
BE FINANCES WITHIN THE REGULAR 1978-79 BUDGET, BENKIRANE

OBSERVED THAT MOROCCO AND OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WERE OPPOSED TO FUNDING SUCH SPECIAL ENDEAVORS FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET. HE WAS NOT CLEAR, HOWEVER, ON WHETHER MOROCCO MIGHT ACCEPT SOME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE REGULAR BUDGET AND APPEARED TO REGISTER OUR CONTENTION THAT THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT EFFORT WHICH SHOULD HAVE THE BACKING OF THE UN AS A WHOLE.

5. PUERTO RICO. EMBOFFS NOTED PREVIOUS DEMARCHES ON PUERTO RICO (RABAT 5605), AND SIMPLY DIRECTED BANKIRANE'S ATTENTION TO WORDING IN ADIE MEMOIRE. BENKIRANE SAID US WOULD HAVE "NO PROBLEM FROM MOROCCO ON THIS QUESTION," CONFIRMING EARLIER WORD FROM MFA AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR.

6. UN REFORM ISSUES. BENKIRANE NOTED PRINCIPAL POINTS OF US POSITION AND SAID IT WAS MOROCCO'S HOPE THAT THE UN WOULD MOVE TOWARD A SYSTEM WHERE RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED BY CONSENSUS RATHER THAN BY CONTENTIOUS AND DIVISIVE VOTES.

7. DISARMAMENT. MOROCCO WAS PLEASED WITH THE SSOD, AND BENKIRANE SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE US AND MOROCCO SAW EYE TO EYE ON A WIDE RANGE OF DISARMAMENT TOPICS.

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8. TERRORISM. MOROCCO TOOK A VERY HARD LINE AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. BENKIRANE SAID, AND HE AGREED COMPLETELY WITH OUR POINT THAT TERRORISM WAS A MUCH BROADER SUBJECT THAN SIMPLY AIRCRAFT HIGH-JACKING.

9. EMBASSY WISHES TO APPLAUD DEPARTMENT'S INITIATIVE IN PROVIDING TALKING POINTS IN FRENCH. LONG AND MULTI-FACETED DEMARCHES SUCH AS THOSE REQUIRED IN REFTELS ARE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVELY MADE IF POSTS ARE ABLE TO LEAVE A PIECE OF PAPER. OUR OWN FACILITIES--AS WELL AS THOSE OF OUR SISTER FRANCOPHONE POSTS--ARE SO LIMITED THAT WE COULD NOT HAVE PREPARED A TIMELY AIDE MEMOIRE IN ANYWHERE NEAR THE DETAIL WE WERE ABLE TO FURNISH ON THIS OCCASION.  
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